

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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IMPROVING SERVICES OF INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government Provides assistance to the Indian Red Cross Society;
- (b) If so, the details of the assistance given during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) The details of the major activities undertaken by the Indian Red Cross Society during the said period in various States; and
- (d) The steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the services of Indian Red Cross Society?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): Yes, Sir

(b): Details of assistance given by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in the shape of Grant-in-aid to the National Headquarters of Indian Red Cross Society during the last three years are as under:

2002-2003	Rs. 18.00 lakhs
2003-2004	Rs. 18.00 lakhs
2004-2005	Rs. 20.00 lakhs

(c): The National Headquarters of Indian Red Cross Society have intimated that the major activities of the Society are disaster relief, maternity and child welfare services, hospital services, blood services and community welfare programmes such as drug de-addiction, artificial limb services, old age homes, vocational training for physically and mentally challenged people, etc.

(d): Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) has been established as an autonomous body under the Indian Red Cross Society Act XV of 1920 (As amended by Act . No. 22 of 1956 and the Adaptation of Laws (No 4) Order 1957 and Act 14 of 1992). The Managing Body of IRCS is the supreme body which takes all the decisions, including policy decisions, for the governance of the Indian Red Cross Society. The said Act does not vest any power in the Central Government to issue directions to the Managing Body of IRCS with regard to improving its services